



TRUTH Cleared from Scandals.

*Being James Naylor's Answer, and Declaration,
Touching some things Charged upon him, in the
Lancashire PETITION.*

HAVING heard of divers Untruths cast upon me by some of the Priests in their High Places, though I stand only to the Lord in respect of my self; yet least any that love the Truth, should be led to speak Evil of the things they know not, I shall lay open the Truth, as it is in me Jude 10. Revealed; touching those things whereof I have been Falsly Accused. Re. 19.13

1. Concerning Jesus Christ, who is the Eternal Word of God, by 1 Joh. 1.1. whom all things were made and are upholden, which was before all 2, 3, 4, 5. Time, but manifested in Time, for the Recovery of Lost Man; which 25. Word became Flesh, and dwelt amongst the Saints, who is the same John 1.14. Yesterday, and to Day, and for Ever; who did, and doth dwell in Eph. 5.30. the Saints; who Suffered and Rose again, and Ascended into Heaven, & 1.21.22. Joh. 3.12. and is set at the Right Hand of God, to whom all Power is given, 2 Thes. 2.8. in Heaven and in Earth; who filleth all Places; is the Light of the 2 Cor. 6. World, but known to none, but those who Receive and Follow him, 16. and those he leads up to God, out of all the Ways, Works and Wor- 1 Cor. 3. ships of the World, by his pure Light in them, whereby he Reveals 16, 17. the Man of Sin, and by his Power casts him out, and so prepares the Bodies of the Saints a fit Temple for the pure God to dwell in, with whom dwells no Unclean thing; and thus he Recon- 2 Cor. 5. ciles God and Man, and the Image of God, which is in Purity and 18, 19. Holiness is renewed; and the Image of Satan, which is all Sin and Col. 3. 10. Uncleanness, is defamed; and none can witness Redemption, fur- John 8. ther than Christ is thus Revealed in them, to set them Free from 34, 36. Sin: Which Christ, I witness to be Revealed in me in Measure. 1 John 1. Gal. 1. 16. 2 Cor. 13. 5. Col. 1. 27. 3, 5. 2 Pet. 1.

2. Concerning the Scriptures, That they are a true Declaration of 21, 22. that Word which was in them, that gave or spake them forth, and Deut. 4.2. are of no Private Interpretation; but were given forth to be Read Rev. 1.3.

Tim. 3. 1 and Fulfilled in the Saints, as they were given forth by the *Holy Ghost*,
 16, 17. 2 without adding or diminishing, and was not given forth for Men to
 make a Trade upon, to get Money by; but as they are, they are Profitable for Doctrine, for Reproof, for Correction, for Instruction in Righteousness, that the Man of God may be Perfect; throughly fur-
 nished unto every good Work: But they who tread in the Letter, and
 1 Cor. 2. 1 are Ignorant of the Mystery, deny all Perfections, and none can
 14, 15. 2 rightly understand the Scriptures, but they who Read them with the
 Joh. 3. 11. same Spirit that gave them forth, *For the Natural Man receiveth not the*
 Acts 1. 5. *nings of the Spirit of God; for they are Spiritually discerned.*
 1 Cor. 12. 3. Concerning Baptism, the true Baptism is that of the Spirit, with
 13. 1 Pet. 3. 2. *the Holy Ghost*, and with Fire, Baptized by one Spirit into one Body,
 Col. 2. 12. not the washing away of the Filth of the Flesh, but the answer of a
 Gal. 3. 27. good Conscience towards God, by the Resurrection of Jesus Christ:
 Rom. 6. 3. without which, no other Baptism can Save us, they being but Figures
 Mat. 26. 28, 29. or Shadows, but this Baptism of Christ is the Substance, whereby
 John 3. we are Baptized into his Death; and those who are Baptized into
 5. 1, 5. 2, 5. 4. Christ, have put on Christ.
 5. 5, 5. 6.

1 Cor. 10. 4. Concerning the Lords Supper, the true Supper of the Lord, is
 16. the Spiritual Eating and Drinking of the Flesh and Blood of Christ
 1 Cor. 11. Spiritually, which the Spiritual Man only Eateth, and is thereby
 24, 25. nourished up unto Eternal Life; without which Eating, there can be
 Col. 2. 10. no Life in the Creature, profest what you will; and all who Eat of
 A&ts 4. 32. this Bread, and Drink of this Cup, have real Communion with Christ
 1 Cor. 11. 27, 28, 29. the Head, and also one with another, as Members, and are all of one
 Joh. 5. 20. Heart, and one Mind, a Compleat Body in Christ. Now the World
 2. 10. 10. who take only the Outward Signs, and are not brought into a
 discerning of the Lords Body, Eat and Drink Damnation to themselves, and so become guilty of the Body and Blood of Christ; and
 calls this a Communion, but Lives in Envy, Strife and Debate,
 Fighting, and going to Law one with another, for Earthly things.

1 Cor. 15. 5. Concerning the Resurrection. That all shall arise to give an
 38. Account, and receive at the Last Day according to their Works done
 in the Flesh, whether Good or Evil; these Bodies that are Dust, shall
 1 Cor. 15. turn to Dust, but God shall give a Body as pleaseth him; that which
 42, 43, 44. is sown in Corruption shall be raised in Incorruption; it is sown a
 46, 50, 51. Natural Body, it is raised a Spiritual Body; and as we have born the
 Image of the Earthly, so we shall bear the Image of the Heavenly.
 R. 20. 6. But Flesh and Blood cannot Inherit the Kingdom of Heaven; neither
 Phil. 3. 21. doth Corruption Inherit Incorruption, *for we shall all be changed.* But
 1 Cor. 15. 5. they who cannot witness the first Resurrection, within themselves, know

know nothing of the second, but by hear-say: And therefore say some ^{1 Cor. 15.} of your Teachers, that Christ is in Heaven with a Carnal Body; now ^{47. Col. 1. 15.} that Christ, who is the first Fruits, should be there with a Carnal Body, and the Saints with a Spiritual Body, is not proportionable.

6. Concerning Magistracy. That it is an Ordinance of God, Ordained for the Punishment of Evil doers, and an Encouragement to them that do Well. Where Justice and Righteousness is the Head, ^{Rom. 13. 3.} and Ruleth without Partiality, that Land is kept in Peace; and those ^{Jude 16.} who Judge for the Lord, I Honour as my own Life; not with a Flattering Honour of putting off the Hat, and bowing of the Knee, which is the Honour of the World, having Mens Persons in Admiration, because of Advantage, for Self-ends; but from my Heart, ^{Rom. 13. 2.} for Conscience sake, as to the Power which is of God, and not to ^{2.} Mens Persons: For the Scripture saith, *He that Respects Persons commits Sin, and is Convicted of the Law as a Transgressor.* And the Apostle ^{James 2. 5.} James Commands the Saints, *not to have the Faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of Glory with Respect of Persons:* And saith, *such are Partial in themselves, and become Judges of Evil Thoughts.* And saith ^{1, 2, 3, 4.} Paul, *Let every Soul be Subject to the Higher Powers:* For saith he, ^{Rom. 13. 1, 5.} *there is no Power but of God.* The Powers that be, are ordained of God, not of Man; and that whosoever Resisteth the Power, Resisteth the Ordinance of God: And saith, *We must needs be Subject for Conscience sake.* And therefore, though the Prophets and Saints were often sent by the Lord, to Pronounce Judgment against Unjust Men, who had the Power committed to them, and did not Judge for God, but for Self-ends; yet they never attempted to raise any Violence against them, but used all means to Persuade them *to do Justice, Love Mercy, and walk humbly with God,* that they might be Established, and the Wrath of God turned away from them: For those that be ^{Mic. 6. 8.} of God, cannot Rejoyce in the Destruction of any, but would have all to turn to God and find Mercy. ^{1 Pet. 1. 12. Eph. 4. 11. 12.}

7. Concerning the Ministry. The true Ministers of Jesus Christ have always been, and are still such as came not by the Will of Man, but by the Will of God; neither are they fitted for that Work by any thing of Man, but by God alone; for the true Ministry is the Gift of Jesus Christ, given for the Perfecting of the Saints, and needs no addition of Humane Helps and Learning, but as the work is Spiritual, and of the Lord, so they are Spiritually fitted only by the Lord. And therefore he chose Herds-men, Fisher-men, and Plough-Men, and such-like; and as he gave them an Immediate Call, without the Leave ^{Pet. 4. 11. Gal. 1. 11, 12, 13.} of Man; so he fitted them Immediately without the Help of Man: ^{1 Cor. 12. 7.}

Mat. 10. 8. And as they received the Gift Freely, so they were to give Freely:
 Acts 8. 20. And when ever they found any of the false Ministers, that Taught
 John 10. for Hire, they Cryed out against them, and Pronounced Woes against
 13. them; and shewed them that they lay in Iniquity, because they thought
 that the Gift of God could be Bought and Sold for Money. And
 Christ calls them Hiredlings, and saith, *They care not for the Sheep.* And
 Micah cryes out against the Priests that Taught for Hire, and saith,
 Micah 3. *They Build up Sion with Blood, and Jerusalem with Iniquity.* And Jeremias,
 10. cried out against the Priests in his Days, that bare Rule by their means
 Jer. 5. 30. and calls ~~many~~ ^{terrible} things, and saith, *That from the least of them to*
 and 6. 13. *the greatest, they are all given to Covetousness.* And Isaia cryes out of
 Isa. 5. 6. such in his Days, and calls them Greedy Dogs, that can never have enough;
 10. 11. 2 Pet. 2. and saith he, *they all look for their Gain from their Quarter.* And Peter
 14. 15. saith of such in his Days as shold come, that they through Covetous-
 2 Cor. 11. ness should make Merchandize of the People, saith, *They have Hearts*
 15. *exercised with Covetous Practices, who have forsaken the right Way, and*
 have followed the Way of Balaam, who loved the Wages of Unrighteousnes.
 Jude 11. And Iude cryes, *Woe unto them, for they go on in the Way of Cain, and*
 1 Cor. 9. *run greedily after the Error of Balaam for Rewards.* But those that
 16, 17, 18. were sent out by Christ, counted it their Reward, to make the
 1 Cor. 4. Gospel without Charge; neither ever had they any set means, but
 11. went about, having no certain Dwelling Place; never were Masters,
 Gal. 4. 19. but Servants to all for Christs sake: Nor ever went to Law for
 Tythes, or any other Earthly thing, but Suffered Persecution; and
 as always he that was after the Flesh Persecuted him that was after
 the Spirit; even so it is now. Now all People, Try your Priests by
 the Scriptures, whether they be of God or of the World; and never
 think to hear the Word of the Lord from their Mouths, who walk
 contrary to the Scriptures; for such were never sent of God; for
 had they been sent of God, they would abide in his Doctrine. And
 1 John 2. John saith, *such hath not God, but he that abides in the Doctrine of Christ,*
 3, 4, 5, 6. *hath both the Father and the Son.* And if there come any to you, and
 Joh. 9. 10. bring not this Doctrine, you are forbidden to receive them into your
 2 John 9. *Houses, or bid them God Speed,* for if you do, you are partakers of their
 10, 11. *Evil Deeds.* And unto the Wicked, saith God, *What hast thou to do*
 Psal. 50. *to Declare my Statutes, or that thou shouldest take my Covenant into thy*
 16, 17. *Mouth, seeing thou hast Instruction, and castest my Words behind thy*
 Psal. 50. *Back, and art a partaker with their Slanders and Detrac-*
 21. *tion, think God to be like themselves.*
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*The Condition and Portion of the People of England,
who have long Flattered themselves with the
Church-Ministry, and Ordinances ; but upon
Tryal, are found to be the Synagogues of Satan,
Persecutors of the Truth, and Enemies of the
Gospel of Christ.*

*The Lyon hath Roared, Tremble all you Beasts of the Field. The Trumpet
hath sounded, let the Beast prepare himself to Battle, for the great Day
of Sions Recompence is at hand, and Woe to all her Enemies.*

Inhabitants of the Earth : Repent all you Inhabitants of the Earth, the Sword of the Lord is Furbished against you, to make a grievous Slaughter ; Howl, Woe and Misery, all sorts of People, who have preferred your own Wills, Lust, Pleasures, before the pure Law of God : Howl, you Sodomites, and Belly-Gods of the Earth, who have given up your selves to Fulness of Gluttony, and all Excesses of Riot, Feeding without the Fear of God, Sporting in the Day Time ; Living like fed Horses, spending the Creatures upon your Lusts, which were never made for that end : Woe unto you, you Fat Swine, the Sins of Sodom are found among you, and the Plagues of Sodom are nigh at hand. Woe unto you, for now is the Lord come to Require his Corn and his Wine which he gave to Feed the Poor and Hungry, which your Lusts have Devoured ; the Wants of all Poor in the Nation cry out against you, you have exceeded all that ever went before you, and you shall exceed in Misery. Woe unto you Proud, Lustful and Lofty ones, that are lifted up in your own Eyes, and have set your selves above the Fear of God, which Teacheth Humility, you plainly appear to be Children of the Devil, who is the Father of all Pride and Self-exaltation, you bear the Image of the Serpent, you speckled ones, who have Painted your selves in the various Colours, to make your selves seem Glorious in the Eyes of others, that they may Bow and Worship to you. Woe unto thou, that hast

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set thy self in the Seat of God, thou art Weighed and found Wanting,
 thy Pride is for the Fire, and thy Honour for the Dust, for now is
 the Lord coming to Enquire after his Wool and Flax, which he
 gave to Glaath the Naked of all sorts, with which thou hast Decked
 the Serpent, and spent it upon thy Lusts, thereby to set thy self in the
 Seat of the Almighty. Woe, Woe unto thee, thou that art
 exalted as high as Heaven; yea, as into God's Throne, but thou shalt be
 cast down to Hell, the Lamb is Risen to Rule the Nations. Woe
 unto the Covetous, Cruel Oppressors, who Live upon Dust, you
 Grind the Face of the Poor, and Oppress them that are Fallen, your
 Measures you have filled, and you have heaped up abundance against
 this Day of Wrath. The Fire of the Almighty is kindled, and it
 shall never be Quenched till it hath Devoured and Burnt up you and
 your Heaps, and made you a Curse to the Generations that shall
 come after. Woe unto the Envious Serpents that seek to Devour
 the Innocent, that make a Prey upon them that depart from Iniquity,
 you are the Head of the Serpent, that must fulfil what is spoken
 of you, and you now shew the Enmity that God hath put between
 the two Seeds, now thy Rage is come, the Seed is come whose
 Heel thou art Bruising, who shall Bruise thy Head, thy Time is as
 short as thy Rage is great. Rejoyce all you that Suffer it, that
 the Scriptures may be fulfilled. Woe unto you Scorners, you Sons
 of ~~Hair~~, you Sons of Bondage to the Works of the Devil, Scorning,
 Backsliding, False Accusing, Slandering and Evil Speaking; you are
 brought forth by the Egyptian Woman, and are in Egyptian Darkness,
 and you cannot See that you are in the Works of the Devil, and by
 him you are put on to Act against Christ, in his Saints. But now is
 the Son of the Free Woman brought forth, to whom the Heritage
 belongs, and you shall be cast out among the Heathen, and Ungodly,
 and Judgment is coming upon you, in which you shall not be able to
 Stand. Woe unto you Swearers and Lyars, under whose Tongues
 lies the Poyson of Apes, which you vent out as you are moved by
 your Father the Devil, against the Holy and Dreadful Name of the
 Almighty, the Land is filled with this Generation, and hath long
 Mourned because of you: Who can pass in Streets or Markets, that
 Fear the Lord, and their Hearts not be Broken to hear it? Do not all
 places abound with Vain Oaths, and Lying Idle Words? Never
 was Nation like to this in these things, so that any who will not use
 these Idle Words and Oaths, is known in the Streets as they pass, and
 not esteemed worthy to Live in the Nation; and thus not only with all
 the Common sort, but also with many that are in place of Authority
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to Punish such things ; and yet those are not afraid to call themselves Christians : Shall not the Lord be Avenged on such a People as this ? Woe unto you that Live upon Deceit in your Weights and Measures, by your Slighty Words arising from the Serpents Wisdom, which makes a Prey on the Simple ; and when you have got great Estates, you say, God hath given you them ; you are set up above them who are made Poor by you ; now is the Lord come to search you out, and you shall Restore for your Theft Four-fold. Woe unto you that have had Power in your Hands to restrain these things, but instead of using the Sword to scatter the Works of Iniquity, have turned the Edge of it against such as the Lord hath called out of these things, and sent them to call others out, least they partake of the Plagues that are to come upon those who are found in them. Woe, Woe unto you Blind Guides, who have called your selves Christ's Seedmen, and now that the Lord of the Harvest is come to look for Fruits, here is no better Fruit to Reap but such as these ; and that among such as you call Saints, and the Churches of Christ : And now that the Heir is Appearing, you are stirring up the Powers of the Earth how to Destroy him, lest you be called to Account for your great Care to feed your own Bodies, and heap up Carnal things, and the little Care for the Souls of Christ's Flock : Now shall you not Escape, your Day is near at hand. Who could have Believed that *England* would have brought forth no better Fruits than these, now after such Deliverance, as no Nation else can Witness ? Oh ! tell it not among the Heathen, least you strengthen the Hands of the Enemy, and occasion the Wicked to Blaspheme the Name of the God of Hosts, who is reported to be amongst us, and Subdued all our Enemies, and hath Delivered us thus far. Awake, Awake, all sorts of People, can you say you have not had Power in your Hands against these Abominations ? But now that you have not proved Faithful in your Promises to the Lord, in the Day of your Fears ; therefore is the Lord coming to call to Account all sorts of Dissemblers and Oppressors, and by his own Right Hand to get himself the Victory. And now Woe unto you that have known to do Well, and had it in your Power, but have not done it. Woe unto you that have taken Counsel at your own Wisdom, and Multitudes, and not at the Spirit of the Lord, and have Strengthned your selves by your Riches. Woe unto you Fruitless Trees, you have long been Dugged and Pruned, but no Fruits, being you have long cumbered the Ground. Woe unto you that are at ease in *Sion*, Howl, Woe and Misery ; Tremble ye Women that are at Ease, Strip you, make you Bare, put off your ornaments to today as to a Day of Judgment and Doom. Pride,

Pride, and put on Ashes, turn your Musick into Wailing, your
 Feasts into Fasting, and Bitter Lamentation, and meet the Lord, if
 there may be Hope for your Souls, in the Day of his Fierce Wrath
 that is coming upon the Earth. While you have time, improve it.

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